1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the misuse of emergency 3 communications systems; amending s. 365.172, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for a specified 4 5 violation relating to the use of emergency 6 communications services which results in great bodily 7 harm, permanent disfigurement, permanent disability, 8 or death; requiring courts to order restitution for 9 certain damages and injuries; providing requirements 10 for such restitution; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; 11 ranking offenses on the offense severity ranking chart 12 of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an 13 effective date. 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Subsection (14) of section 365.172, Florida 17 Section 1. 18 Statutes, is amended to read: 19 365.172 Emergency communications.-MISUSE OF 911, E911, OR NG911 SYSTEM; PENALTY.-911, 20 21 E911, and NG911 service must be used solely for emergency 22 communications by the public. 23 (a) A any person who does any of the following commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 24

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775.082 or s. 775.083:

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coul	d re	sult	in	the	emer	gency	res	spons	se of	any	puk	olic	saf	ety	
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- 2. Knowingly uses or attempts to use such service for a purpose other than obtaining public safety assistance.; or any person who
- 3. Knowingly uses or attempts to use such service in an effort to avoid any charge for service, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (b) If a person violates subparagraph (a)1. and the subsequent emergency response by a public safety agency results in:
- 1. Great bodily harm, permanent disfigurement, or permanent disability to any person as a proximate result of lawful conduct arising out of the emergency response, the person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- 2. Death to any person as a proximate result of lawful conduct arising out of the emergency response, the person commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (c) After being convicted of unauthorized use of <a href="emergency">emergency</a>
  <a href="mailto:communications">communications</a> services <a href="mailto:such service">such service</a> four times, a person who

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51 continues to engage in such unauthorized use commits a felony of 52 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 53 775.083, or s. 775.084. (d) A court shall order any person convicted of violating 54 55 this subsection to pay restitution to a responding public safety 56 agency and any other victim who suffers damage or injury as a 57 proximate result of lawful conduct arising out of an emergency 58 response. The restitution must include the full payment of any 59 cost incurred by a responding public safety agency In addition, if the value of the service or the service charge obtained in a 60 61 manner prohibited by this subsection exceeds \$100, the person 62 committing the offense commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 63 64 Section 2. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (3) of 65 section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity 66 67 ranking chart.-68 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART 69 (b) LEVEL 2 70 Florida Felony Description Statute Degree 71 365.172(14)(b)1. 3rd Misuse of emergency communications system causing

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			great bodily harm, permanent
			disfigurement, or permanent
			disability.
72			
	379.2431	3rd	Possession of 11 or fewer
	(1) (e) 3.		marine turtle eggs in violation
			of the Marine Turtle Protection
			Act.
73			
	379.2431	3rd	Possession of more than 11
	(1) (e) 4.		marine turtle eggs in violation
			of the Marine Turtle Protection
			Act.
74			
	403.413(6)(c)	3rd	Dumps waste litter exceeding
			500 lbs. in weight or 100 cubic
			feet in volume or any quantity
			for commercial purposes, or
			hazardous waste.
75			
	517.07(2)	3rd	Failure to furnish a prospectus
			meeting requirements.
76			
	590.28(1)	3rd	Intentional burning of lands.
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78	784.03(3)	3rd	Battery during a riot or an aggravated riot.
79	784.05(3)	3rd	Storing or leaving a loaded firearm within reach of minor who uses it to inflict injury or death.
	787.04(1)	3rd	In violation of court order, take, entice, etc., minor beyond state limits.
80	806.13(1)(b)3.	3rd	Criminal mischief; damage \$1,000 or more to public communication or any other public service.
82	806.13(3)	3rd	Criminal mischief; damage of \$200 or more to a memorial or historic property.
	810.061(2)	3rd	Impairing or impeding telephone or power to a dwelling; facilitating or furthering burglary.

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83			
	810.09(2)(d)	3rd	Trespassing on posted
			commercial horticulture
			property.
84			
	812.014(2)(c)1.	3rd	,
			or more but less than \$5,000.
85			
	812.014(2)(d)1.	3rd	
			more but less than \$750, taken
			from dwelling or its unenclosed
86			curtilage.
0.0	812.014(2)(e)2.	3rd	Petit theft, 1st degree; less
	012.011(2)(0)2.	31 a	than \$40 taken from dwelling or
			its unenclosed curtilage with
			one prior theft conviction.
87			-
	812.015(7)	3rd	Possession, use, or attempted
			use of an antishoplifting or
			inventory control device
			countermeasure.
88			
	817.234(1)(a)2.	3rd	False statement in support of
			insurance claim.

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89			
	817.481(3)(a)	3rd	Obtain credit or purchase with
			false, expired, counterfeit,
			etc., credit card, value over
			\$300.
90			
	817.52(3)	3rd	Failure to redeliver hired
			vehicle.
91			
	817.54	3rd	With intent to defraud, obtain
			mortgage note, etc., by false
			representation.
92	017 (0 (5)	2 1	
	817.60(5)	3rd	
93			another.
93	817.60(6)(a)	3rd	Forgery; purchase goods,
	017.00(0)(a)	JIU	services with false card.
94			SCIVICCS WICH LAISE CALA.
<i>J</i> 1	817.61	3rd	Fraudulent use of credit cards
	01.00	0 2 0.	over \$100 or more within 6
			months.
95			
	826.04	3rd	Knowingly marries or has sexual
			intercourse with person to whom

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			related.	I
96				
	831.01	3rd	Forgery.	
97	831.02	2 m d	IIttoring forgod instrument.	
	831.02	3rd	Uttering forged instrument; utters or publishes alteration	
			with intent to defraud.	
98				
	831.07	3rd	Forging bank bills, checks,	
			drafts, or promissory notes.	
99				
	831.08	3rd	Possessing 10 or more forged	
			notes, bills, checks, or drafts.	
100			draits.	
_ 0 0	831.09	3rd	Uttering forged notes, bills,	
			checks, drafts, or promissory	
			notes.	
101				
	831.11	3rd	Bringing into the state forged	
			bank bills, checks, drafts, or	
102			notes.	
102	832.05(3)(a)	3rd	Cashing or depositing item with	
	, , , ,		intent to defraud.	

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103			
	843.01(2)	3rd	Resist police canine or police
			horse with violence; under
			certain circumstances.
104			
	843.08	3rd	False personation.
105			
	843.19(3)	3rd	Touch or strike police, fire,
			SAR canine or police horse.
106			
	893.13(2)(a)2.	3rd	Purchase of any s.
			893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1.,
			(2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6.,
			(2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9.,
			(2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs
			other than cannabis.
107			
	893.147(2)	3rd	Manufacture or delivery of drug
			paraphernalia.
108			
109	(e) LEVEL 5		
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112	316.027(2)(a)	3rd	Accidents involving personal injuries other than serious bodily injury, failure to stop; leaving scene.
113	316.1935(4)(a)	2nd	Aggravated fleeing or eluding.
	316.80(2)	2nd	Unlawful conveyance of fuel; obtaining fuel fraudulently.
114	322.34(6)	3rd	Careless operation of motor vehicle with suspended license, resulting in death or serious bodily injury.
115	327.30(5)	3rd	Vessel accidents involving personal injury; leaving scene.
116	365.172(14)(b)2.	2nd	Misuse of emergency communications system resulting in death.
117	379.365(2)(c)1.	3rd	Violation of rules relating to: willful molestation of stone crab traps, lines, or buoys;
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illegal bartering, trading, or
sale, conspiring or aiding in
such barter, trade, or sale, or
supplying, agreeing to supply,
aiding in supplying, or giving
away stone crab trap tags or
certificates; making, altering,
forging, counterfeiting, or
reproducing stone crab trap
tags; possession of forged,
counterfeit, or imitation stone
crab trap tags; and engaging in
the commercial harvest of stone
crabs while license is
suspended or revoked.
Willful molestation of a
commercial harvester's spiny
lobster trap, line, or buoy.

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379.407(5)(b)3. 3rd

Possession of 100 or more undersized spiny lobsters.

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381.0041(11)(b) 3rd Donate blood, plasma, or organs

knowing HIV positive.

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121			
	440.10(1)(g)	2nd	Failure to obtain workers'
			compensation coverage.
122			
	440.105(5)	2nd	Unlawful solicitation for the
			purpose of making workers'
			compensation claims.
123	440 201 (0)	2 1	
	440.381(2)	3rd	Submission of false,
			misleading, or incomplete
			information with the purpose of
			avoiding or reducing workers'
			compensation premiums.
124	CO 4 401 (4) (1-) 0	01	mana and in a single and a single and a
	624.401(4)(b)2.	2nd	Transacting insurance without a
			certificate or authority;
			premium collected \$20,000 or
			more but less than \$100,000.
125			
	626.902(1)(c)	2nd	Representing an unauthorized
			insurer; repeat offender.
126			
	790.01(3)	3rd	Unlawful carrying of a
			concealed firearm.
127			
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	790.162	2nd	Threat to throw or discharge
			destructive device.
128			
	790.163(1)	2nd	False report of bomb,
			explosive, weapon of mass
			destruction, or use of firearms
			in violent manner.
129			
	790.221(1)	2nd	Possession of short-barreled
			shotgun or machine gun.
130			
	790.23	2nd	Felons in possession of
			firearms, ammunition, or
			electronic weapons or devices.
131			
	796.05(1)	2nd	Live on earnings of a
			prostitute; 1st offense.
132			
	800.04(6)(c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious conduct;
			offender less than 18 years of
			age.
133			
	800.04(7)(b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition;
			offender 18 years of age or
			older.

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134			
	806.111(1)	3rd	Possess, manufacture, or
			dispense fire bomb with intent
			to damage any structure or
			property.
135			
	810.145(4)(c)	3rd	Commercial digital voyeurism
			dissemination.
136			
	810.145(7)(a)	2nd	Digital voyeurism; 2nd or
			subsequent offense.
137			
	810.145(8)(a)	2nd	Digital voyeurism; certain
			minor victims.
138			
	812.014(2)(d)3.	2nd	Grand theft, 2nd degree; theft
			from 20 or more dwellings or
			their unenclosed curtilage, or
			any combination.
139			
	812.0145(2)(b)	2nd	Theft from person 65 years of
			age or older; \$10,000 or more
			but less than \$50,000.
140			
	812.015	3rd	Retail theft; property stolen
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	(8)(a) & (c)-		is valued at \$750 or more and
	(e)		one or more specified acts.
141			
	812.015(8)(f)	3rd	Retail theft; multiple thefts
			within specified period.
142			
	812.015(8)(g)	3rd	Retail theft; committed with
			specified number of other
			persons.
143			Personer
	812.019(1)	2nd	Stolen property; dealing in or
	012.013(1)	2110	trafficking in.
144			Clairicking in.
111	812.081(3)	2nd	Trafficking in trade secrets.
145	012.001(3)	2110	Trailicking in trade secrets.
143	010 101 (0) (5)	21	Dalabarra bar anddan anatabina
1.4.6	812.131(2)(b)	3rd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
146			
	812.16(2)	3rd	Owning, operating, or
			conducting a chop shop.
147			
	817.034(4)(a)2.	2nd	Communications fraud, value
			\$20,000 to \$50,000.
148			
	817.234(11)(b)	2nd	Insurance fraud; property value
			\$20,000 or more but less than
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			\$100,000.
149			
	817.2341(1),	3rd	Filing false financial
	(2)(a) &		statements, making false
	(3) (a)		entries of material fact or
			false statements regarding
			property values relating to the
			solvency of an insuring entity.
150			
	817.568(2)(b)	2nd	Fraudulent use of personal
			identification information;
			value of benefit, services
			received, payment avoided, or
			amount of injury or fraud,
			\$5,000 or more or use of
			personal identification
			information of 10 or more
			persons.
151			
	817.611(2)(a)	2nd	Traffic in or possess 5 to 14
			counterfeit credit cards or
			related documents.
152			
	817.625(2)(b)	2nd	Second or subsequent fraudulent
			use of scanning device,
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153			skimming device, or reencoder.
	825.1025(4)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition
			in the presence of an elderly
			person or disabled adult.
154			
	828.12(2)	3rd	Tortures any animal with intent
			to inflict intense pain,
			serious physical injury, or
1			death.
155	836.14(4)	2nd	Person who willfully promotes
	030.14(4)	2110	for financial gain a sexually
			explicit image of an
			identifiable person without
			consent.
156			
	839.13(2)(b)	2nd	Falsifying records of an
			individual in the care and
			custody of a state agency
			involving great bodily harm or
			death.
157			
	843.01(1)	3rd	Resist officer with violence to
			person; resist arrest with
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1.50			violence.
158	847.0135(5)(b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition using computer; offender 18 years or older.
159			years or order.
	847.0137 (2) & (3)	3rd	Transmission of pornography by electronic device or equipment.
160			
	847.0138 (2) & (3)	3rd	Transmission of material harmful to minors to a minor by electronic device or equipment.
161			
	874.05(1)(b)	2nd	Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang; second or subsequent offense.
162			
	874.05(2)(a)	2nd	Encouraging or recruiting person under 13 years of age to join a criminal gang.
163			
	893.13(1)(a)1.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d),
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164			(2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs).
	893.13(1)(c)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
			cannabis (or other s.
			893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1.,
			(2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6.,
			(2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9.,
			(2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs)
			within 1,000 feet of a child
			care facility, school, or
			state, county, or municipal
			park or publicly owned
			recreational facility or
			community center.
165			
	893.13(1)(d)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
			cocaine (or other s.
			893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d),
			(2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.
			drugs) within 1,000 feet of
			university.
166			
	893.13(1)(e)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
			cannabis or other drug
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i			probibited under a
			prohibited under s.
			893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1.,
			(2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6.,
			(2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9.,
			(2)(c)10., (3), or (4) within
			1,000 feet of property used for
			religious services or a
			specified business site.
167			
	893.13(1)(f)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
			cocaine (or other s.
			893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d),
			or (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.
			drugs) within 1,000 feet of
			public housing facility.
168			
	893.13(4)(b)	2nd	Use or hire of minor; deliver
			to minor other controlled
			substance.
169			
	893.1351(1)	3rd	Ownership, lease, or rental for
			trafficking in or manufacturing
			of controlled substance.
170			
171	Section 3.	This act s	shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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